

Appl. No. 10/710,527
Amdt. dated April 25, 2005
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-60 are presently pending. Claims 1, 29, and 46 are independent.

In the Office Action dated February 16, 2005, claims 1-60 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-43 of U.S. Patent No. 6,773,181 to Crum (the "Crum '181 patent").

This Amendment is accompanied by a Terminal Disclaimer filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c). The Declaration, executed by the assignee of record of the present application, complies with the provisions of this section and should consequently remove the Crum '181 patent from consideration with respect to obviousness-type double patenting. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that any such rejection based wholly or partly on the '181 patent be withdrawn.

Therefore, the present application should now be in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (800) 445-3460.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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